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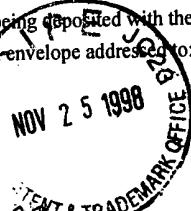
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**COMMUNICATION UNDER 37  
C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

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**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.